Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

(Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Over 200,000 volunteers, over 70 percent of whom are themselves elderly, deliver over 150,000 meals daily to homebound frail older people; and,

WHEREAS, Over 195,000 volunteers, over 75 percent of whom are over sixty years of age, provide in excess of 570,000 meals per day in congregate settings where senior participants have an opportunity for socialization and fellowship in addition to meeting their nutritional needs; and,

WHEREAS, Over 1,900 volunteers help provide over 1,317,000 meals to over 26,000 elderly and homebound South Dakotans each year; and,

WHEREAS, The dedication of volunteers to helping people receive hot nutritious meals each day ensures the continued well-being of so many people; and,

WHEREAS, Community based home-delivered and congregate meal programs make possible the joint use of public and private funds and resources to serve older people; and,

WHEREAS, Nutritious food is an essential ingredient to the maintenance of life:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 15-21, 1987, as

MEALS-ON-WHEELS AND CONGREGATE MEALS WEEK

in South Dakota, in affirmation of the dedication and value of the contributions and commitment of volunteers and others who ensure the well-being of older people, and that the members of Congress be commended for supporting the enabling legislation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of February, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE